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Dear [Redacted],

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 317 Abellio Greater Anglia - 2020 accessibility deadline

Regulation 45 of the Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011¹ (RIR 2011) makes it unlawful for a passenger rail vehicle to be used in service on the trans-European rail system in the UK after 31 December 2019 unless it complies with the current or future versions of the Technical Specification for Interoperability - Persons with Reduced Mobility (PRM TSI) (and/or defined domestic accessibility standards²) except to the extent that:

- a. a derogation from part of the PRM TSI has been granted under Regulation 14 of RIR 2011;
- b. a determination that part of the PRM TSI does not apply has been made under Regulation 13(8) of RIR 2011; or
- c. a dispensation that part of the PRM TSI does not apply has been granted under Regulation 46 of RIR 2011.

This is a dispensation (effective from the date of this letter) made under Regulation 46(4) of the RIR 2011, granting that the vehicles listed in Annex A, which form the trains known as Class 317s need not comply after 31 December 2019 with those parts of the PRM TSI 2008 listed in Annex B. This follows consultation with DPTAC³.

For the avoidance of doubt, a separate derogation or determination made under point a) or b) above would be required for any vehicle listed in Annex A that undergoes an upgrade or renewal that requires an authorisation under RIR 2011 after this dispensation.

This letter replaces the dispensation issued on 11 December 2019

¹ SI 3066/2011

² The Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 or Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) Regulations 2010

³ The Disabled Persons' Transport Advisory Committee

I have copied this dispensation to the ORR for their information.

Yours sincerely,



Jeremy Hotchkiss

signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

Annex A

Units	Vehicles			
317337	62671	71613	77036	77084
317338	62698	71614	77037	77085
317339	62699	71615	77038	77086
317340	62700	71616	77039	77087
317341	62701	71617	77040	77088
317342	62702	71618	77041	77089
317343	62703	71619	77090	77042
317344	62690	71620	77029	77091
317347	62707	71623	77046	77094
317348	62708	71624	77047	77095
317501	62661	71577	77048	77024
317502	62662	71578	77049	77001
317504	62664	71580	77051	77003
317506	62666	71582	77053	77005
317507	62667	71583	77006	77054
317508	62697	71587	77010	77058
317510	62673	71589	77012	77060
317511	62675	71591	77014	77062
317512	62676	71592	77015	77063
317513	62677	71593	77016	77064
317515	62680	71596	77019	77067
317881	62681	71597	77020	77068
317882	62684	71600	77023	77071
317883	62685	71601	77000	77072
317884	62686	71602	77025	77073
317885	62687	71603	77026	77074
317886	62688	71604	77027	77075

Annex B

Part of PRM TSI 2008	Refers to
4.2.2.2.2.1 para 6	Priority seating dimensions
4.2.2.4.1 para 4	Arrangement of door controls
4.2.2.4.2.1 para 9	Timing of audible door closure warnings
4.2.2.4.2.2 para 1	Timing of visual door closure warning
4.2.2.5	Door threshold illumination
4.2.2.2.1 para 2	Handrail colour contrast
4.2.2.2.1 para 4	Height of handrail above longitudinal seating
4.2.2.10	Height of handrail in doorway
4.2.2.10 para 1	Curved handrail radii
4.2.2.6.3.1 para 11	Universal Accessible Toilet – call for aid height
4.2.2.6.3.2 para 1	Baby changing facility dimensions
4.2.2.8.3 para 1	Bodyside passenger information screen
4.2.2.8.1 para 5	Passenger information display (squashed descenders)
4.2.4.8.4 para 1	Visual information scrolling speed
4.2.2.8.3 para 5	Visibility of PIS screen from wheelchair spaces
4.2.2.8.2.1	Safety signage
4.2.2.8.3 para 16	Audio sound quality compliance with RASTI
4.2.2.12.2 para 2	External step contrast band width
4.2.2.12.1	Platform/Step gap